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1. The commanding officer of 5 Infantry Division at Gjinokaster is Lt. Col. Vasko Gjini from Korce. The Division is composed of the following units:
 - a. Three infantry regiments: 2 Infantry Regiment is in Gjinokaster; one regiment is in Permet; and one is in Delvine.
 - b. An artillery regiment with headquarters in Lekl.
 - c. An engineer battalion with headquarters in Gjinokaster.
 - d. An officer training battalion located at Gjinokaster.
 - e. An administrative battalion with headquarters in Gjinokaster.
 - f. A transportation company.
 - g. A company band of about 15 members.
2. 2 Infantry Regiment of 5 Division has three infantry battalions, a communications company, a mountain artillery battery, and a reconnaissance company. The following are staff members of 2 Infantry Regiment:
 - a. Capt. Class A Kamber Shahini: commanding officer
 - b. Capt. Class A Nane Kutra: political commissar
 - c. Vangelos Ilia: chief of staff
 - d. Capt. Class A Aristidi (fnu): traffic and supply officer
 - e. 1st Lt. Koco (fnu): assistant traffic and supply officer
 - f. 2nd Lt. Sotiris (fnu): director of the security section

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3. Capt. Class A. Haxhi Ghitutska is commanding officer of 1 Battalion of 2 Infantry Regiment. Commanding officer of 3 Battalion is Capt. Tedi Hamitaj from Vlone; 1st Lt. Barak Barakaj is political commissar; a warrant officer is the battalion's Secretary of the Workers' Party; and a master sergeant is the responsible officer of the Youth Organization of the battalion.
4. 3 Battalion of 2 Infantry Regiment has five companies: three rifle companies, one mortar company, and one machine gun company. 1 Rifle Company has three platoons, each of which has 21 men. Attached to 1 Rifle Company are three platoons: the communications platoon of the battalion which is used to install telephone lines; a heavy machine gun platoon which has eight men and two Maxim machine guns; and an anti-tank platoon which has 13 men and six anti-tank guns. The commanding officer of 1 Rifle Company is 2nd Lt. Riza Alike from Tepelene; political commissar is W/O Thomas Karto from Himare. Platoon leaders are W/O Hamza Jakupi and W/O Sulo Pasha, both from Tepelene. The strength of 1 Rifle Company, including the attached platoons, is about 104 men. 2 Rifle Company, which has three platoons, has about 68 men. 3 Rifle Company has about 80 to 90 men.
5. The communications company of 2 Infantry Regiment has about 50 men and is commanded by a second lieutenant. The reconnaissance company has about 50 men, all armed with automatic weapons, and is commanded by a first lieutenant. In the administrative battalion there are about 50 to 70 men. The officer training battalion, totalling about 500 men, has three rifle companies, one machine gun company, and one mortar company. Each of the three platoons of the rifle companies has 36 men.
6. [REDACTED] 25X1X over an eight-month period, soldiers of 2 Regiment during maneuvers fired a total of eight shots with a rifle and eight shots with a sub-machine gun.
7. On 22 June 1951, 1 Battalion of 2 Infantry Regiment went to Libohova to construct fortifications. After one month it was to be replaced by another battalion of the regiment.
8. The director of the recruiting office at Gjinokaster for 5 Infantry Division is Captain Class A Basri Bedini.
9. Military warehouses in southern Albania are located as follows:
 - a. At position (M.448-048), about 800 to 1,000 meters west of the Gjinokaster-Tepelene road, there are two warehouses. One, a single-story stone building, is about 15 meters long, five or six meters wide, and five or six meters high. The second building is about one-half the size of the first. A guard unit of ten men and one officer mans two guardposts at the large warehouse and one post at the small warehouse.
 - b. At location (M.455-040) there are two single-story warehouses which measure 20 x 6 meters, reportedly used by artillery units. A unit of eight men guards the two warehouses.
 - c. Two warehouses are in a wooded area north of the village of Picar and are reportedly used for storing rifle ammunition.

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10. In Himare there is a Border Guard company of 20 to 30 men led by a first lieutenant. There are border guard posts in Zamali (sic) (M.10-09) and at Shen-Theodhori. At Himare there is also a police unit of 30 men.
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11. [REDACTED] at the beginning of June 1951 rifle practice was begun for Government employees of both sexes between the ages of 18 and 55. The first practice was reportedly done with Soviet and German rifles near the Gjinokaster airfield.

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